

Gay Feather Prairie Conservation Area

Gay Feather Prairie is a remnant of the prairie ecosystem that once covered more than one-quarter of Missouri. It is also home to plants and animals that are specially adapted for life on the open prairie. Less than one-half of one percent of original prairie remains in Missouri making some of these species increasingly rare. Managers use prescribed burning, haying, and other tools to simulate historic disturbances that maintain healthy grasslands and limit the negative impacts of invasive plants, including trees, which were historically uncommon here. Management priorities include providing nesting and brood-rearing habitat for bobwhite quail and grassland birds.

Recreational Opportunities

Wildlife Viewing - Outdoor Photography -
Hiking - Birdwatching.

Rules and Regulations

Conservation areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized camping, fishing, and hunting activities.

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires.
- No camping.
- No target shooting allowed.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding, skateboarding, collecting plants and animals, caving and rappelling are not allowed.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

No Hunting or Fishing On This Area

Nearby Areas:

Osage Prairie Conservation Area
Bristow Conservation Area
August A. Busch Memorial Wetlands at Four
Rivers Conservation Area
Little Osage Prairie Conservation Area

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
1109 S Main - P O Box 106
El Dorado Springs, MO 64744
417-876-5226

Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

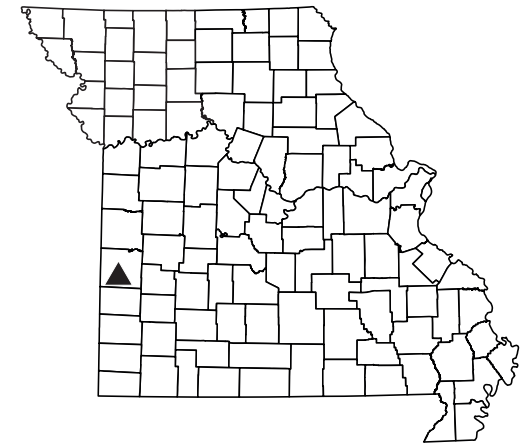


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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp.) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

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